

# South Jordan USSSA Softball Leagues



South Jordan Recreation  
Rules, Regulations, and Sportsmanship

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# **SOUTH JORDAN CITY**

## **Slowpitch Softball Programs**

### **Rules**

All rules and regulations below are in addition to the USSSA rule book. All USSSA rules can be found here: <http://www.ussa.com/sports/Announcements.asp?Sport=17&AA=438>

### **Divisions**

USSSA class "C/D/E and Rec+" league. Players must be at least of 16 years of age. Players are eligible for each division based on the USSSA rating system.

### **Rosters**

Each team must submit a complete team roster including names and addresses of captains and players before the 3rd scheduled league game. Each team may carry a maximum of twenty (21) names on their rosters. Any exceptions to this rule must be directed to the Program Coordinator. If your team drops out after the league starts, NO refunds will be given!

Before any player is eligible to participate, his or her name must be added to the roster by the captain or manager one week before he or she is eligible to play (player will have to sit out 1 game). These names must be turned into the scorekeeper or league coordinator. A team may carry up to twenty (21) players but nothing beyond that number. If you want to add players and you already have the maximum number of players allowed, then you must drop names from your roster to meet the 21 person limit.

IT IS THE CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHICH PLAYERS HAVE SIGNED THE ROSTER. If your team uses a player who is not on the roster, games in which he or she participated will be declared a forfeit.

The night of the 3rd game, all teams must provide a completed roster with name, addresses, phone number, Email and a signature of each participant. Players who do not play the first game, may be asked TO PROVIDE picture ID to the scorekeeper or field supervisor before they can play.

The scorekeeper/field supervisor may ask for any ID from any player if they feel a player may be playing under a false name. If a player is caught, he or she will be suspended from further play in the South Jordan City Recreation Softball Program for one (1) year and all games he or she played in will be declared a forfeit. The team captain will also be

suspended for one (1) year.

Once a person plays with any team, he or she becomes ineligible to participate with any other team in the same league.

## **GAME TIME**

All games will run 7 innings or no new inning will begin after 52 minutes following the start time whichever comes first.

The team with a full lineup at game-time can offer a ten-minute grace period to allow the shorthanded team time to field at least 8 players. Regardless of grace period games will run 52 minutes from scheduled start time.

## **REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

Teams must have eight (8) rostered players on the field in order to start and finish a game. A team will take one (1) automatic out for each player under 10. An automatic out is taken every time the missing player(s) is/are scheduled to bat. Co-ed leagues must use an even number of males and females. If a team has only 9 players they may have 1 more female than male on the field.

Injuries: if a player is injured and is unable to play, you may a) sub another player in for the injured player, or b) take an out when the injured player is up to bat. You must have at least 8 players to play the game, so if you are already playing with eight players and one gets injured you will forfeit the game.

Pinch runners: if a player is unable to run the bases, a player of the same gender may run the bases for them. The pinch runner shall be the player (of the same gender) that received the last out.

## **ADDITIONAL HITTEES**

An additional hitter may be added to the batting line up and must be declared before the start of the game. Co-ed leagues must use one male and one female additional hitter (12 total hitters).

## **LINE UP CARDS**

Line up cards must be turned in 10 minutes before the scheduled starting game time. Statistics are taken from line up cards and must be legible in order to be used (see STATISTICS). Please put FIRST INITIAL AND LAST NAMES on the line up cards.

## **STATISTICS**

Statistics will be kept on team records and top ten leaders of batting average and RBI's for

competitive and double header leagues only. Co-ed stats will rank the top five males and the top five females. Stats will be given each week starting with the 3rd week of play. Statistics are taken from line up cards; therefore, illegible or incomplete names on line up cards will not be awarded stats for that game.

## **BATS & CLEATS**

Bats must be approved by USSSA. Approved bats can be found here:

<http://www.ussa.com/sports/Announcements.asp?Sport=17&AA=517>

NO STEEL CLEATS will be allowed.

## **HOME TEAM**

The Home team will be determined by a coin toss prior to the beginning of the game. Dugouts will be on a first-come first-serve basis. If teams have played each other previously, home team will be alternated from their first meeting.

## **WARM UPS**

Warm ups may take place on the grassy areas outside of playing fields.

## **SAFETY BASE**

There is an orange safety base at first base to protect the base runner and the first baseman. If there is a play at first base, the runner must run to the orange base and the fielder must make the play on the white base. Failure of the runner to touch the orange base may result in the runner being called out. In Rec+ Leagues there will be a safety home plate located 8 ft to the right of the existing home plate, runners must cross this plate to prevent interference with the catcher making a play at all times.

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/SMOKING**

No alcoholic beverages or smoking of any kind will be allowed in the park! Any persons, players, or spectators caught with any alcoholic beverage or smoking products on the premises will be asked to leave the park. Violators may also face criminal charges and may be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season.

## **HOME RUN RULE**

“1-up rule”. After team “A” hits a HR team “B” must hit one before “A” gets another. Team “B” may hit +1 following team “A” and so on. All hits over the fence after a HR will result in an out. In the seventh inning a team may only hit a homerun to even up, there is no 1 up in the seventh inning or after 52 minutes has expired. Competitive leagues are the same standard but 2-up rule.

## **FORFEIT GAMES**

If a team fails to field the required number of eligible players at the start of a game or at the end of the timed grace period (10 minutes), then the game will be declared a forfeit. Teams must have at least eight players present to start a game.

If the same team forfeits twice during the season, they may be dropped from the program without refund.

## **UNIFORMS**

It is mandatory for all competitive teams to have uniforms for league play. Uniforms should consist of similar matching colored jerseys and numbers on at least the back. Teams must have their uniforms by the third game. No uniforms, No play!

Uniforms must be tasteful and may not contain any suggestive, off color or degrading innuendos, phrases, words or logos. Tasteful uniforms will be determined by South Jordan City Recreation.

## **PROTESTS**

Protests must be filed in writing to the South Jordan City Parks and Recreation Department in care of Dave Word by 5:00 p.m. the following workday. Site Supervisor must be notified of protest before next pitch takes place. Protests made after the game will not be allowed. Protest forms are available from the scorekeeper and may be turned into the scorekeeper. Highly technical protests or protests that have no bearing on the outcome of the game should be submitted. A formal protest must contain the following information:

Date, time, and place of the game

The name of the umpire

The rule & section of the official/local rules under which the protest is made

Explanation of all essential facts involved in the matter protested

Submit a \$50.00 fee (\$35.00 is refundable if protest is granted).

## **TIE BREAKER**

First or second place ties will be determined by the tiebreaker by system as defined below:

Head to head results;

Margin of victory in head to head games;

Total Runs for entire Season.

## **TEAM AWARDS**

Rec+ - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> trophies and team picture on website, 1<sup>st</sup> Champ Shirts

Competitive – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> awarded Champ and Runner Up Shirts + team picture on website,

1<sup>st</sup> receives new Miken Bat.

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

A new Miken Bat will be given for the highest batting average in competitive leagues. Ties for individual awards will be determined by stats from the last scheduled game. If a player does not play in the game, they will not have stats and, therefore, lose the tiebreaker.

## RAIN OUTS

Rained out games will be made up as determined by the league coordinator. Make up games may be on league nights, but occasionally on a Friday night or Saturday morning with at least 3 days notice. Any team that is unable to play a scheduled make up game will receive a forfeit.

To find out if the games are going to be played or cancelled, please call (801)253-7529 after 4:00 p.m. After that time it is the umpire's responsibility to play or cancel the games.

## UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

The South Jordan City Recreation Department shall have the power to disqualify, suspend, or remove any manager, coach, player, spectator, or teams that conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner before, during, or after a game which could reflect or discredit the program.

Umpires and site supervisors are requested to file written reports of unsportsmanlike conduct within 24 hours of the incident. If a player has been involved in an unsportsmanlike incident, that person becomes subject to a possible suspension from the league at the discretion of the Recreation Department. This person will be informed in writing as to any action that may be taken against them.

Unsportsmanlike conduct shall be defined as follows and may include the penalties stated:

The site supervisor shall have the power to suspend any player, for the remainder of the season, including a person playing under a false name.

Scorekeepers have the power, in conjunction with the umpires, to eject or suspend any player or fan, exhibiting behaviors that are unsportsmanlike.

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| Physical contact with intent to inflict harm or injury | Ejection | One year suspension       |
| Fighting (punches, slaps, kicks, pushes, etc)          | Ejection | Lifetime ban from playing |
| Players leaving the bench during a fight               | Ejection | Rest of season suspension |
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| F-Word or other vulgar language                        | Ejection                      | Must leave softball complex                              |
| Obscene gestures                                       | Ejection                      | Two Game Suspension                                      |
| Grossly disparaging statements or racial slurs         | Ejection                      | Two Game Suspension                                      |
| Spitting at other players                              | Ejection                      | Two Game Suspension                                      |
| Trash talking, taunting                                | Ejection                      | One game suspension                                      |
| Alcohol/Smoking in the softball complex/dugout         | Ejection                      | One game suspension/Forfeit                              |
| Striking an official or scorekeeper                    | Ejection                      | Lifetime ban from playing                                |
| Verbal abuse towards an official, players, scorekeeper | Ejection                      | Two in a game results in a two game suspension           |
| Two Ejections  | (See specified penalty above) | \$50.00 Fee to be paid before player returns.            |
| Three Ejections  | Ejection                      | One year suspension from the time you get third ejection |
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Penalties are outlined as follows:

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| Illegal player   | Ineligible to participate | One year suspension. If played for a rostered player, that player is also suspended for one year. |
| Falsifying roster  | Ejection                  | One year suspension   |
| Team forfeits out of league or quits before season is over | Loss automatic berth      | No refunds!   |

ANY PERSON EJECTED FROM A GAME WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE &/OR MAIL OF THEIR SUSPENSION

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT MANAGERS OR COACHES REVIEW THIS MANUAL WITH THE PLAYERS ON THEIR TEAM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON. THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT ALL PLAYERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THESE RULES AND WILL ABIDE BY THEM.